

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for March 2007

Region 11

May 2007

## LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES MARCH 2007 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPL.	U.R. 3/07(p)	U.R. 2/07	U.R. 3/06
U.S.	152,236,000	145,323,000	6,913,000	4.5%	4.9%	4.8%
INDIANA	3,260,550	3,097,355	163,195	5.0%	5.3%	5.3%
EGR 11*	224,544	214,277	10,267	4.6%	5.0%	4.7%
Evansville MSA**	186,739	177,682	9,057	4.9%	5.3%	4.8%
Dubois	22,410	21,587	823	3.7%	4.1%	3.9%
Gibson	17,597	16,827	770	4.4%	5.0%	4.3%
Henderson Co., KY	23,716	22,389	1,327	5.6%	5.8%	5.9%
Knox	19,461	18,636	825	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%
Perry	9,836	9,344	492	5.0%	5.7%	5.5%
Pike	6,171	5,906	265	4.3%	4.7%	4.6%
Posey	14,120	13,496	624	4.4%	4.9%	4.4%
Spencer	10,489	9,983	506	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%
Vanderburgh	93,328	88,654	4,674	5.0%	5.4%	4.9%
Warrick	31,132	29,844	1,288	4.1%	4.6%	4.4%
Webster Co., KY	6,846	6,472	374	5.5%	6.0%	5.2%
Boonville	3,373	3,168	205	6.1%	6.3%	6.5%
Evansville	60,645	57,214	3,431	5.7%	6.1%	5.5%
Jasper	7,308	7,064	244	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%
Mount Vernon	3,566	3,378	188	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%
Petersburg	1,023	964	59	5.8%	6.8%	6.7%
Princeton	4,200	3,974	226	5.4%	6.1%	5.5%
Rockport	1,007	926	81	8.0%	8.7%	9.8%
Tell City	4,002	3,778	224	5.6%	6.2%	5.8%
Vincennes	9,072	8,626	446	4.9%	5.6%	5.5%

\*EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. \*\*Evansville MSA includes Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

RANK – MAR 2007	COUNTY	MAR 2007 RATE (p)
1	Crawford	7.6%
51	Perry	5.0%
52	Vanderburgh	5.0%
64	Spencer	4.8%
73	Gibson	4.4%
74	Posey	4.4%
76	Pike	4.3%
79	Knox	4.2%
83	Warrick	4.1%
89	Dubois	3.7%
92	Hamilton	3.2%

## SURROUNDING STATES MARCH 2007

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 4.5% Indiana – 5.0% Kentucky – 5.8% Michigan – 7.2% Ohio – 5.5%



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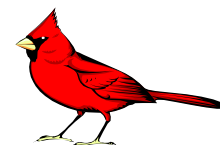
## REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally unchanged or lower in March. Overall, 30 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered increases, and 8 states had no change reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states and the District of Columbia, up in 9 states, and unchanged in 5 states.

Montana recorded the lowest unemployment rate in March 2007 at 2.0 percent. Mississippi reported the highest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported unemployment rates were lower in March than a year earlier in 252 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 82 areas, and unchanged in 35 areas. Twenty-eight metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent, while five areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent.

Billings, Mont., and Logan, Utah-Idaho, had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.0 percent each. El Centro, Calif., registered the highest jobless rates in March at 13.2 percent.



# EVANSVILLE MSA

(Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky)

## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	MAR 2007	FEB 2007	MAR 2006	CHANGE FROM			
				FEB 2007 TO MAR 2007		MAR 2006 TO MAR 2007	
Total Nonfarm	180,100	178,400	179,600	+1,700	+1.0%	+500	+0.3%
Goods Producing	46,800	46,100	47,300	+700	+1.5%	-500	-1.1%
Mining & Construction	13,100	12,300	13,000	+800	+6.5%	+100	+0.8%
Manufacturing	33,700	33,800	34,300	-100	-0.3%	-600	-1.7%
Durable Goods	19,100	19,100	19,300	+0	+0.0%	-200	-1.0%
Service Providing	133,300	132,300	132,300	+1,000	+0.8%	+1,000	+0.8%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36,400	36,300	36,700	+100	+0.3%	-300	-0.8%
Wholesale Trade	7,700	7,700	7,600	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.3%
Retail Trade	18,800	18,700	19,200	+100	+0.5%	-400	-2.1%
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	3,900	3,900	+100	+2.6%	+100	+2.6%
Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	9,900	9,900	9,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	6,300	6,300	6,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+1.6%
Professional & Business	17,600	17,400	17,500	+200	+1.1%	+100	+0.6%
Educational & Health	28,000	27,800	27,300	+200	+0.7%	+700	+2.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	23,400	23,300	22,900	+100	+0.4%	+500	+2.2%
Hospitals	9,200	9,200	9,300	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	16,700	16,300	16,200	+400	+2.5%	+500	+3.1%
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,300	12,000	12,700	+300	+2.5%	-400	-3.1%
Other Services	7,500	7,400	7,400	+100	+1.4%	+100	+1.4%
Government	17,900	17,900	18,100	+0	+0.0%	-200	-1.1%
Federal Government	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	3,900	3,900	3,800	+0	+0.0%	+100	+2.6%
Local Government	12,700	12,700	13,000	+0	+0.0%	-300	-2.3%
Local Government Education	7,200	7,200	7,500	+0	+0.0%	-300	-4.0%

## EVANSVILLE, IN-KY MSA HOURS AND EARNINGS

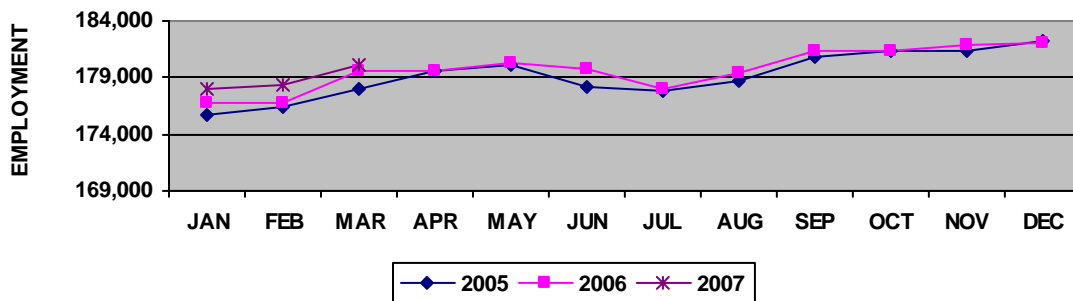
	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR. 2007	FEB. 2007	MAR. 2006	MAR. 2007	FEB. 2007	MAR. 2006	MAR. 2007	FEB. 2007	MAR. 2006
Manufacturing	\$864	\$850	\$839	39.6	39.2	40.8	\$21.81	\$21.69	\$20.57
Retail Trade	\$371	\$364	\$359	32.2	31.8	30.4	\$11.53	\$11.45	\$11.80

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2006 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2008.

Average earnings are gross and are affected by premium pay for overtime, incentive rates, shift differentials, and changes in basic hourly rates. Figures cover production workers in manufacturing and non-supervisory employees in other industry divisions.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## EVANSVILLE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

## Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) Economic Growth Region 11 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006

### Average New Hire Earnings by Age Groups

AGE	AVERAGE NEW HIRE EARNINGS*
14-18	\$468
19-21	\$981
22-24	\$1,381
25-34	\$1,881
35-44	\$2,337
45-54	\$2,512
55-64	\$2,202
65-99	\$1,298

\* Total quarterly earnings of all full-quarter new hires divided by the number of full-quarter new hires, divided by 3.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to March 2007 from:

	March 06	February 07
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>.9%</b>
Food & Beverages	3.3%	.2%
Housing	3.4%	.4%
Apparel	.5%	3.0%
Transportation	1.7%	3.2%
Medical Care	4.0%	.2%
Recreation	.6%	.1%
Education & Communication	2.3%	.2%
Other Goods & Services	3.5%	.2%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	2.3%	1.0%



\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

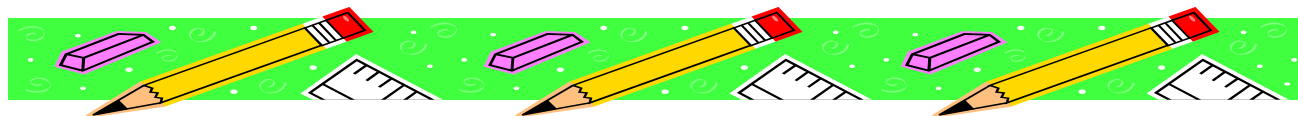
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



<u>Local Office</u>	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
<b><u>INITIAL CLAIMS</u></b>			
Evansville	1,507	1,177	28.0%
Vincennes	529	580	-8.8%
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>28,505</b>	<b>28,580</b>	<b>-.3%</b>
<b><u>TOTAL CLAIMS*</u></b>			
Evansville	15,311	12,119	26.3%
Vincennes	5,483	4,940	11.0%
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>310,135</b>	<b>292,533</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

\*Total Claims include both initial and continued unemployment insurance claims.



## REGION 11 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 11 (Evansville and Vincennes) received during March 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

### SELECTED MARCH 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 11

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Assemblers	\$8.00	\$10.05	\$18.06
Hand Packers & Packagers	8.00	9.04	11.13
Production Helpers	7.75	9.13	10.75
Production Laborers	6.03	9.76	18.06
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	8.00	14.15	28.75
Cashiers	5.15	6.90	9.05
Truck Drivers, Light-Including Delivery	5.15	9.60	12.50
Administrative Assistants & Secretaries	5.81	8.76	12.50
Cooks: Restaurant	5.15	6.66	9.00
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	5.25	8.36	13.37
Home Health Aides, Nurse Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	7.50	8.22	9.00
Kitchen Helpers	5.15	6.35	8.00
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	8.51	11.00
Food Preparation & Service Workers	5.25	6.38	7.50
Route Drivers	\$5.15	\$10.12	\$17.85



## REGION 11\* APPLICANT POOL

March 25, 2007



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

REGION 11 JOB TITLES	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS
Assemblers	4,462
Production Laborers	3,583
All Other Machine Operators	2,253
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,096
All Other Hand Workers	2,021
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,737
General Office Clerks	1,563
Cashiers, General	1,455
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	1,394
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,392
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,364
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,335
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,283
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,279
Production Helpers	1,216
File Clerks	1,171
Administrative Assistants	1,124
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,051
Secretaries	1,044
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,016

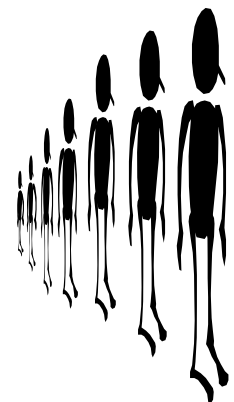
The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



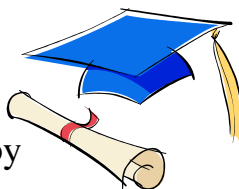
## ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 11\* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. \*EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties.

AREA (3/25/07)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
<b>EGR 11</b>	<b>\$25,330</b>	<b>\$18,720</b>	<b>12,167</b>
Dubois	\$30,732	\$20,800	531
Gibson	\$23,082	\$20,800	758
Knox	\$18,228	\$16,640	1,576
Perry	\$23,585	\$20,800	298
Pike	\$22,158	\$20,800	251
Posey	\$32,594	\$20,800	609
Spencer	\$27,978	\$20,800	420
Vanderburgh	\$26,104	\$18,720	6,352
Warrick	\$25,510	\$20,800	1,372







**2005 MEDIAN EARNINGS by  
EDUCATION LEVEL for  
POPULATION AGES 26 YEARS  
and OVER  
Evansville MSA**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Population 25 years and over with earnings</b>	<b>\$30,231</b>
Less than high school graduate	\$18,657
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	\$26,083
Some college or associate's degree	\$30,357
Bachelor's degree	\$45,342
Graduate or professional degree	\$50,134

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey.



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**2006 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES  
COLLEGE ENROLLMENT**

In October 2006, 65.8 percent of high school graduates for the class of 2006 were enrolled in colleges or universities, according to data released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Since 2001, the college enrollment rate for recent high school graduates has been trending upward.

Information on school enrollment and work activity is collected monthly in the Current Population Survey (CPS). Each October, a supplement to the basic CPS gathers more detailed information on full-time and part-time enrollment status, level of education, and enrollment status a year earlier. The CPS is a monthly nationwide survey of about 60,000 households that obtains information on employment, unemployment, and earnings of the civilian non-institutional population age 16 and over.

Of the 2.5 million youth who graduated from high school between October 2005 and October 2006, 1.6 million (65.8 percent) were attending college in October 2006. The college enrollment rate of young women, 66.0 percent, was about the same as that of young men, 65.5 percent. Asians were considerably more likely than whites, blacks, and Hispanics to be enrolled in college in the fall following their high school graduation. Among recent high school graduates enrolled in college, 92.3 percent were full-time students. More than 6 in 10 were enrolled in 4-year institutions.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "COLLEGE ENROLLMENT AND WORK ACTIVITY OF 2006 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES"

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